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25X1 2. [REDACTED] Charles Stevens, in the office of Senator George A. Smathers, called the office of Personnel requesting information on the "political situation" in Brazil, Chile and Peru. I returned Stevens' call and told him that we did not ordinarily provide this kind of information, that the best channel would be through the Department of State adding that anything we had on the subject would be classified and probably not useful to him. Stevens said he was preparing material for the Senator and mentioned he had been in touch with the State Department. I told him that if Senator Smathers desired a personal briefing we would be glad to talk with him but otherwise I felt we were unable to be of assistance. Stevens seemed to understand our position in the matter.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] In response to his request, I attempted again to contact Representative Emilio Q. Daddario but was advised he was out of the city for the day. We will attempt to reach him tomorrow.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] Talked briefly with David Martin, in the office of Senator Thomas J. Dodd, in an effort to accelerate Martin's speech for the Senator on attacks on CIA. Martin said the Senator had put him to work on a paper on the Viet Nam situation which would keep him away from the speech for several days. I will continue to be in touch with Martin on this.

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25X1 5. [] Advised Boyd Crawford, House Foreign Affairs Committee, that further follow up on [] produced nothing in Agency records either in our [] or in our Office of Logistics. 25X1 25X1

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25X1 7. [] Talked with Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, concerning THE WASHINGTON POST items of 28 and 29 January 1964 concerning Mr. McCone [] I asked him to assure the Chairman that the Director was not in fact involving himself in foreign policy matters but was performing a service for the Administration in briefing selected European government officials on the Soviet military posture and Soviet economy. Blandford grasped the point immediately and said he was sure Mr. Vinson would be happy to have this information. 25X1

Mr. Blandford also indicated it was highly likely that Mr. Vinson might wish to have a briefing from the Director some time during next week. It was learned from other sources that when Secretary McNamara was briefing the Vinson Committee he was queried about advance knowledge of the South Vietnam coup and there were indications at that time that it was hoped to have Mr. McCone discuss this subject next week.

25X1 8. [] Talked with Maurice Lanman (Office of General Counsel, DOD), Ben Forman (International Affairs, OGC, DOD), and Jim Hyde in the Bureau of the Budget on the draft legislation for the Military Assistance Act of 1964. It was learned that in fact the wording of certain parts of this bill were aimed at permitting military assistance to guerrilla groups. It was also learned that in fact this bill is put on ice until further notice and that no response is necessary to the Bureau of the Budget as to our views at this time.

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